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In re Application of
Jea-Woan Lee
Application No. 10/691,476
Filed: October 23, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 1567.1059

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.53 filed July 22, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 23, 2003, including one (1) sheet of drawings. The petition was recently forwarded to this office for review.

The application was submitted on October 23, 2003. However, on June 23, 2004, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) mailed a "Notice Of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application" (Notice) that stated the application had not been accorded a filing date, and that, among other things, the application was deposited without drawings.

In response, on July 22, 2004, the instant petition was submitted. Petitioner argues that one (1) sheet of drawings was filed on October 23, 2003. In support, the instant petition is accompanied by a copy of applicants' postcard receipt that acknowledges receipt of "Drawings (1 sheet Fig. 1)" on October 23, 2003. A review of the application file indicates the presence of zero (0) sheets of drawings filed on October 23, 2003. It is assumed that the missing sheet of drawings was misplaced by the Office.

In view of the above, the petition is granted.

The petition fee will be refunded to deposit account no. 19-3935.

This application will be returned to OIPE for further processing with a filing date of October 23, 2003, using the one (1) sheet of drawings, supplied on July 22, 2004.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3228.

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